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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 6 Percent in March

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 21, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during March 2011 totaled 112.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from March 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 105 million pounds live weight, was down 4 percent from March 2010. Total head slaughtered was 87,700, up 200 head from 2010. Live weight averaged 1,209 pounds, down 62 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.55 million pounds live weight, down 2 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,800 head was down 200 head from last year. Average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 421 pounds.

Pork production was 62.4 million pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 240,100, down 34,300 head from March 2010. Average live weight was down 2 pounds from last year, at 260 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during March 2011 was 259,000 pounds live weight, down 40 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 2,600, down 2,100 head from a year ago. Average live weight increased 8 pounds to 99 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in March 2011 totaled 4.35 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the 4.28 billion pounds produced in March 2010. Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.1 million pounds, 1 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 9 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.87 million head, down 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was down 20 percent from March 2010. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 193,900 head, 26 percent below last year. The average live weight was 146 pounds, up 11 pounds from March a year ago.

January-March 2011 commercial red meat production was 12.2 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 16 percent.

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